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1. The wood supplied by Camp Gulikhari, located 22 km northeast of Pyatiletka (N 62-18, E 151-27), was used at the mines as well as for construction and fuel. The camp furnished the Lazo Cassiterite Mine with necessary wood, which was used partly for support and partly for building mine drawers (lyuk). Logs for the mine were cut into lengths of 2.80 m and varied from 8 to 22 cm in diameter.
2. The production norm varied considerably according to the season and to the kind of wood that was being prepared. These norms were as follows:
 - a. Fuel wood: Winter norm was 6.65 cubic meters; summer norm, 7.85 cubic meters.
 - b. Mine wood: Winter norm was 5.25 cubic meters; summer norm, 6.35 cubic meters.
 - c. Construction wood: Winter norm was 3.30 cubic meters; summer norm, 6.50 cubic meters.
3. In winter, the first job was to clear the snow about 10 m around the tree to be felled. When the terrain permitted, this was done by machines; otherwise, it was done with snow shovels. The trees were cut 10 cm above ground. There was no reforestation, the trees grew again from the stumps (sic).
4. The forest varied a great deal. In some places it was very dense; in others, very sparse. The trees were mostly pine (elka) and birch; there was also an evergreen called slanik (sic). When boiled in water, the needles of this tree

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made a bitter but effective remedy against scurvy. The trees were moved by horses and sledges (sleds).

5. The workers used ordinary saws. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There were also two-man saws; and in Gulikhari settlement, there was a small saw-mill which had a small, two-cylinder, Deutz (Diesel) mechanical saw. When it was feasible, the workers used caterpillar tractors; some were American-made, and others were Soviet imitations.

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